



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES AND COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO  
THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS TO  
THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION FOR  
VARIOUS PROJECTS AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
(THIRD DISTRICT)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$3,320,000 in Third Supervisorial District Cities and County Excess Funds and award grants to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for improvements to the Hollywood Bowl.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Allocate \$1,660,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for grants to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association as follows:
  - a. Theater Rehabilitation Project – \$150,000

- b. Box Office Plaza Improvements Project – \$510,000
- c. Lighting Improvements Project – \$650,000
- d. Sound Wall Improvements Project - \$350,000

3. Allocate \$1,660,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association as follows:

- a. Theater Rehabilitation Project – \$150,000
- b. Box Office Plaza Improvements Project – \$510,000
- c. Lighting Improvements Project – \$650,000
- d. Sound Wall Improvements Project - \$350,000

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants in the amount of \$3,320,000, after the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation assign their respective rights to apply to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total of \$3,320,000, including \$1,660,000 in Cities Excess Funds and \$1,660,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department), respectively, for grants to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) as follows:

**Theater Rehabilitation Project—\$150,000 Cities Excess Funds and \$150,000 County Excess Funds**  
The proposed Theater Rehabilitation Project involves the renovation of the Amphitheater's seating area, including the replacement and repair of box seating partitions using stainless steel and new wood slats, walkway rubber surfacing, and stainless steel hand rails. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,600,000, and will be funded with \$3,300,000 in Net County Cost as well as the recommended \$300,000 in Excess Funds.

**Box Office Plaza Improvements Project—\$510,000 Cities Excess Funds and \$510,000 County Excess Funds**

The proposed Box Office Plaza Improvements Project includes installing new box office windows and improvements to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) entrance, Bowl Store, and concessions buildings. The overall goal of the project is to improve the patron experience and to bring the facilities in compliance with the Hollywood Bowl Design Guidelines. The total project cost is estimated at \$4,000,000, and will be funded with \$2,980,000 in Net County Cost as well as the recommended \$1,020,000 in Excess Funds.

**Sound Wall Improvements Project—\$350,000 Cities Excess Funds and \$350,000 County Excess Funds**

The proposed Sound Wall Improvements Project will include the purchase and installation of porous concrete material to replace existing soft materials and further improve control of the existing audio

amplification system in order to mitigate noise impacts to the neighborhood surrounding the Hollywood Bowl. The total project cost is estimated at \$700,000, and will be fully funded by the recommended Excess Funds.

Lighting Improvements Project—\$650,000 Cities Excess Funds and \$650,000 County Excess Funds  
The proposed Lighting Improvements Project will include purchase and installation of freestanding lighting fixtures as well as landscape lighting in existing specimen trees for new outdoor lighting within the Hollywood Bowl campus. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,300,000, and will be fully funded by the recommended Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award grants after the City and the Department assigns their respective rights to apply for the funds to LAPA and when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantees agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing cultural and recreational opportunities at the Hollywood Bowl in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$3,320,000 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. LAPA has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for Cities and County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The

lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the proposed projects.

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301 (a) (d), 15302 (c) and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(d), 2 (e) and 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed projects involve minor alterations of existing facilities, restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures or facilities, replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and construction of small new structures. None of the projects are listed as contributing historic structures and features. The proposed projects are in compliance with the Hollywood Bowl Design Guidelines.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements (Agreements) will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the LAPA may proceed with the proposed projects in the Third Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Chief Executive Office